REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-28 and 48-52 have been canceled and claims 29-47 and 53-62 are pending. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

II. Conclusion

An early and favorable response to this Amendment is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner feels that a discussion with Applicants' representative would be helpful in resolving the outstanding issues, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the number provided below.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this preliminary amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 10-0750/JBP-600DIV/EMH. If a fee is required for an Extension of time 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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